General Bulletin

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Subject: **Rubber Products' Storage/Shelf Life**

From time to time we have received inquiries regarding the storage and shelf life of rubber products and components. These items when properly stored have a lengthy shelf and service life. Our rubber products and components, if properly stored, will have a shelf life of five years or more.

The following is a general guide for proper storage:

1. Store rubber products and components in an area that is as cool as possible. Generally, the temperature should not exceed 100°F.

2. The storage area should be away from operating electrical equipment such as motors and generators.

3. Where possible, items should be stored in air tight and light tight containers. A twist top plastic bag in a closed cardboard box fulfills these requirements.

4. Unprotected rubber products and components that are placed in open bins or shelves should not be stored for more than a few months.

5. Inventory should be rotated to assure that the oldest materials are sold first.

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